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FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8264

INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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DEPT PASS USINT ALGIERS AND BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENGR, EF, DA

SUBJ: OPEC PRICE INCREASE

REF: STATE 249382 AND 249303

1. AFTER RECEIPT SECOND TELEGRAM, WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED FONOFF SECTION CHIEF DEALING WITH ENERGY POLICY (RIBERHOLDT) WHO IN TURN CALLED MEETING AT MINISTRY TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSAL THAT DENMARK MAKE DEMARCHES IN OPEC CAPITALS SIMILAR TO OURS.

DANES INITIALLY FELT IT IMPROPER TO ACT UNILATERALLY WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH EC COLLEAGUES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY STILL RETAIN EC PRESIDENCY. AFTER CHECKING WITH A FEW EC CAPITALS, THE OBTAINED NO SYMPATHY FOR COLLECTIVE ECDGOVARCHE AND LEARNED THAT SEVERAL HAD ALREADY TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION.

2. DANES THEN DECIDED EARLY EVENING DECEMBER 22 TO INSTRUCT THEIR AMBASSADOR AT TEHRAN TO PRESENT NOTE TO PRESIDENT OF OPEC CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: THEY REFER TO EC SUMMIT STATEMENT LAST WEEK REGARDING ENERGY CRISIS AND CONFIRM DENMARK'S READINESS, WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES, TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCING STATES ON COMPREHENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COOPERATION ON WIDE SCALE FOR ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES, INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS, AND STABLE ENERGY SUPPLIES TO MEMBER COUNTRIES AT REASONABLE PRICES.⁸DANISH NOTE THEN INDICATES THAT POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DEPENDENT ON OPEC COUNTRIES NOT TAKING STEPS ON SUPPLIES AND PRICES WHICH WOULD BE HARMFUL TO CONSUMING COUNTRIES. THEY THEREFORE ASK OPEC TO REFRAIN, AT PRESENT JUNCTURE, FROM TAKING ANY DECISION ON SUPPLIES AND PRICES OF OIL.
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ALGIERS AND BAGHDAD.
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